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A True and Full

ACCOUNT

Of all the Attacks, and Retacks, and other Stratagems of War

BETWEEN

Colonel *Layton*, *John Tilly* Esq; and Capt. *Neway*,

On Her Majesty's *Fleet-Prison.*

The 27th of this Instant *March*, 1705.

WE whining Authors can't with Reason expect that all our Works should should be reprinted into foreign Languages, therefore I am resolved to give my self and the Reader as little Trouble as possible.

Colonel *Layton* than havingin it in his Head, that the Office of the *Fleet* was forfeited, and that he for his many great Services in *Ireland*, &c. to the late Government, was not only entituled by a Commission from the Queen, but by one from Heaven, to seize for his own use the *Fleet-Prison*, and all its Appurtenances; which to accomplish, he like a true Great Man, by the help of his Wit and Money, got Possession of the *Fleet* on the 22d instant, without spilling the least Christian Blood: He was no sooner in possession, but Governour-like, he secures all the Avenues, and by the help of *Brandy*, brings over to his Party such who without it had stood neuter. The Place had not long been secure within, but he sends out his Scouts to get Intelligence of such of his Fees that were not inviron'd by Walls; his said Scouts had orders not only to make a diversion in their *Colonel's* Favour, but to give it out that his power was from our great and good *Queen*, and therefore for any who loved Her, to dispute his Right, or endeavour to dispossess him, was at least Treason in them that did it: But as two Stars can't subsist in one Sphere, and that Mr. *Tilly* who seldom is out-done by Mortals, and never given to part with his Right, he like a true Politician, first endeavours to find out what real Power the *Colonel* was invested with, he found that neither *Attorney-General*, nor the *Lord Keeper*, were acquainted with any Power the *Colonel* had obtain'd of the *Queen*, nor could any Person inform him the said *Tilly*, that the *Colonel* actually had the *Broad-Seal* of *England*, or any just power to deprive him of that quiet Possession, in which he has been 12 or 13 Years. It was about this time; and when things stood as you have heard, when both Parties begun to perceive that they must expel *Force per Force*, and therefore immediately cast their Eyes and Endeavours upon a certain Captain, who is a knowing Man in the Art of War, true to his Party, he always strikes a Terror in the party he oppose's; he's a Controuler of the *Fleet*, knows all their weak sides, and is sure to maintain his own Party, witness his long Siege in *Newgate*, his Courage and Conduct in which he undeservedly suffered there by *Allen*, formerly Ordinary of *Newgate*; I say this was plainly seen by both parties; but the *Colonel* being besieged, had not the opportunity to engage him on his side, so that he has not only lost Ground, had 4 or 5 of his Men committed by the Right Honourable the *Lord Mayor*, to the *Counter*, but will most demonstrably this Day be vigorously attacked, and driven from his presend Quarters by the Sheriffs, and City pass; the Captain cannot Epouseing either party; however some say the Col. will make as great a Resistance as *Verne* has done, for that end intends before he is attacked, to make a grand Sally, in order to get fresh Provisions, more Arms, and good Quarters; how long the Attack will last, how many Men may be Kill'd, or which side will get the better, is not easily known; for tho' the *Colonel* and his Party have Courage, &c. yet the City being invested with a mighty Power, are with all their beset the noble *Colonel* and his party; this great power must subdue the lesser, in the opinion at least of this Scribler, whose distinguishing Qualifications scorn to be confined within the narrow limits of Writing or Thinking. So

Adieu.

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